GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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e-Surveillance in Wildlife Sanctuary
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in unnatural deaths of elephants residing in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State of Kerala;
(b) if so, whether the reasons/causes has been assessed;
(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
(d) whether the Ministry would consider tightening of surveillance mechanisms including installation of e-surveillance mechanisms like the "e-Eye", in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State of Kerala to prevent poaching of Elephants; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) As informed by the State Government of Kerala, there has been no increase in unnatural deaths of elephants residing in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in Kerala.

(b)&(c) Does not arise in view of the above.

(d)&(e) An alert has been issued to Chief Wildlife Wardens of all Elephant Range States to tighten surveillance in Protected Areas to minimize the poaching of elephants and smuggling of ivory.

Presently there is no proposal of installation of "e-Eye" in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of Kerala under consideration of the Ministry..

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